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The Honorable Peter DeFazio Chair Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure U.S. House of Representatives 2134 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
1135 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Traffic Signal Priority Improvements re: Harlem Avenue Pulse Line in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is PACE Suburban Bus and the project is located along Harlem Avenue, between Dempster Street & Harlem Avenue in Morton Grove, Illinois, 60053 and W Bryn Mawr Avenue and Harlem Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, 60631.

The funding is designated for implementing effective transit signal priority on Harlem Avenue in northern Cook County. Harlem Avenue is one of the corridors with the heaviest bus ridership in Pace's service area, and a top priority for construction of a Pulse (rapid transit) Line. Funding for this signal priority project will be used in Harwood Heights, Chicago, Morton Grove, and Niles.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the benefit residents in numerous municipalities within the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Illinois by laying the foundation for implementation of a Pulse rapid transit bus line running north and south down Harlem Avenue, providing timely and reliable public transit options to residents.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jan Schakowsky Member of Congress

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